

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BERN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5900

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

USINT HAVANA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERN 1118

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR PDIP IV XA SZ

SUBJ: COURTESY CALL BY IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR (ESSY, AMARA)

1. IVORY COAST AMB AMARA ESSY PAID COURTESY

CALL ON ME MAR 8. (HE IS MOVING FROM GENEVA TO BERN.)

HE COVERED FOLLOWING POINTS DURING CONVERSATION WHICH

MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPT:

A) IVORY COAST GOVT CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. HIS GOVT FELT THAT SOVIETS WANTED TO TAKE OVER AS MUCH OF AFRICA AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY ITS RAW MATERIALS AND MINERALS. MODERATE GOVTS, LIKE ZAMBAI, WERE THREATENED BY THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN AND SOVIET MILITARY IN ANGOLA, TANZANIA, AND MOZAMBIQUE.

B) HIS GOVT FEELS THAT SETTLEMENT REACHED BY SMITH WITH BLACK LEADERS IN RHODESIA WERE REASONABLE  
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AND THAT THOSE LEADERS COULD BE ELECTED IN A DEMOCRATIC ELECTION. GUERILLA LEADERS FIGHTING FROM OUTSIDE RHODESIA COULD NOT AND KNOW THEY COULD NOT. IVORY COAST FAVORS GRADUAL TRANSITION FROM WHITE TO BLACK RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA. AMBASSADOR ESSY INDICATED THAT THE WHITE PRESENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AS CONSTITUTED, WAS NECESSARY TO COUNTER

EVENTUAL SOVIET PRESSURE. HE WOULD WELCOME A STRONG  
US PRESENCE IN AFRICA AND BELIEVES SUCH A PRESENCE  
IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, WEAK GOVTS IN  
AFRICA CANNOT WITHSTAND THE PRESSURES AND THREATS  
OF THE SOVIETS AND THEIR CUBAN ALLIES.  
WARNER

NOTE BY OCT: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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